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TUESDAY

October 26, 1999



**Do you consider
traveling to Mexico safe?**

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The Student Newspaper of The University of Texas-Pan American

Asbestos scare sends dorm residents to local motel

Several UTPA students have been moved out of their dorm rooms this semester due to possible exposure to asbestos.

The first incident was recorded in a maintenance log book by women's dorm resident, Isla Lara as, "White stuff falling from my ceiling," of her north wing room last Spring, but the problem was not identified as asbestos. On September 3, Lara informed Patricia Zarate, interim director of student life, that she had been told, by a carpenter, the white stuff falling from her ceiling might be asbestos.

By the next school day, ACI environmental consultants were brought in to assess the situation. The consultants found a .008 level of asbestos in the

third floor of the women's dorms and the same in the men's dorms.

The level of asbestos in the air on campus is .006, and a dangerous level is .1.

The consultants recommended replacement of the ceilings for every room where asbestos was found, and the 36 residents were relocated, so the ceilings could be fixed.

Only two students, Lara and a friend who stayed in her dorm room over the summer, were recommended by the consultants to see a lung specialist.

Both were given clean bills of health. All expenses are being covered by the university

"I think the university is handling it well, working with the students, and making sure they are not inconvenienced any more than they have to be," said Zarate, "It's a tough time, the middle of the semester. Right now mid-terms are happening but it's something that needs to be done."

Asbestos is a naturally occurring

group of minerals found on some rocks. It is soft and fire resistant, and was used in insulation before its dangers were discovered.

If inhaled, Asbestos could stay in a person's lungs for up to 30 years, causing asbestosis, a scarring of the lungs.

Exposure to the mineral can lead to many forms of cancer.

Asbestos is less dangerous when combined with other materials unless it is friable or at a level of .1 in the air, neither of which was the case involving the men's and women's dorms.

According to Zarate, students whose rooms were not affected were not spoken with because she wanted to avoid a panic. Zarate says she spoke individually with every student who was moved in the women's hall to explain the situation, but could not speak to every student.

Currently, 18 students from the mens dorms are living in the University Inn

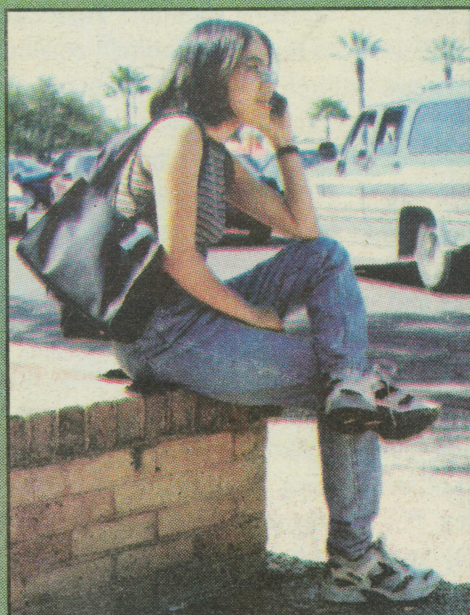
See **Asbestos** page 9



-Nelson J. Gonzalez/The Pan American

**Rooms in both dorms were
evacuated for student safety.**

Reach out and touch someone . . .



-Rachel Carpenter/The Pan American

Cellular phones have become commonplace throughout the nation and students like junior Lisa Lujan are no exception. Cell phones have become a necessity to college life. Read about the fascination students have with cellular phones on pages 6-7.

Hernandez highlights women's sacrifices

Yvette Solis

Staff Writer
The Pan American

Sonia Hernandez, a history graduate student at UTPA gave a presentation titled, "Las Soldaderas; Female Participants in the Mexican Revolution" Sunday at the Hidalgo County Historical Museum.

She highlighted the involvement of women who fought against the dictatorship of Porfirio Diaz and struggled for freedom in Mexico.

"It is important that we acknowledge the women who cooked, nursed, washed, lent emotional support and even fought alongside the men in combat. Their contributions and sacrifices were just as important as the men's," said Hernandez.

Hernandez feels it is important for Mexican Americans to know about the many women gave up their homes and sacrificed their loved ones for Mexico's freedom.

According to Hernandez, these women served as a springboard for future generations of Mexican women to work in non-traditional jobs such as engineers, doctors and lawyers.

Hernandez holds a Bachelors in Spanish and is working towards her masters concentrating in Mexican American history. She was born in Hidalgo, TX and raised in San Juan to parents with a third grade education.

Despite these hardships, Hernandez is the first in her family to receive her B.A. and is in her second semester in the history graduate program.



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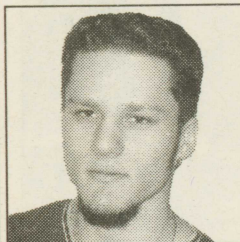
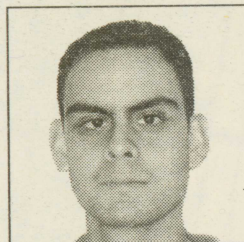
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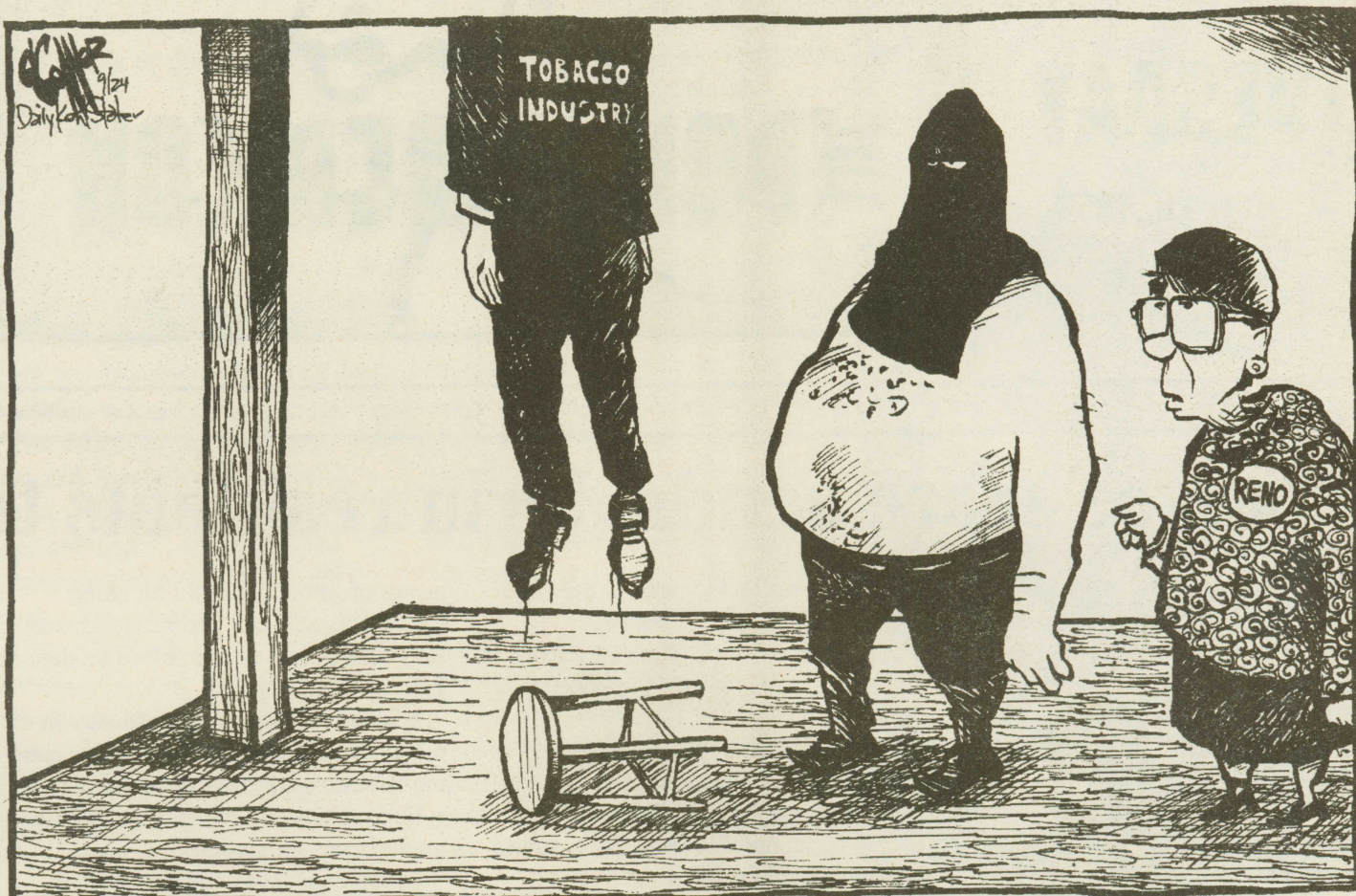
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COMMENTARY



"HANG EM' AGAIN."

Your



More gridiron suggestions

This is in response to your "My 2 Cents" article on October 21, 1999. First of let me say, "IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT YOU THINK!" The editorial section is supposed to be a medium for students to voice their opinions, not yours. You just sit back and make sure that *The Pan American* remains the great paper that it is.

But I digress. The solution to the football vs. basketball team debate is simply to get rid of the basketball team and replace it with a football team. No offense to the basketball players, but the basketball team is not worth keeping. They have had a losing record for as long as most people can remember. Losing is losing. It does not

matter whether you score 50 points or 100 points. You still lose! The reason this team loses has to do with the fact that a small, school at the bottom of the United States cannot and more than likely, will never succeed.

You are right, though. There are not very good basketball players in the Valley, so we cannot recruit local players for the team. But there are good football players here who never get a chance to play college football because colleges tend to ignore this region, and there are kids whom major schools like UT and Notre Dame recruit. The University of Texas-Pan American could get these kids and give them a place to play football. Notice that recruiting outside "talent"

has not worked in the basketball program.

I agree with Mr. Johnson that football will increase student participation and school spirit. When the basketball team loses almost every game, this does not make any student or the university feel good. This university has a bad enough reputation without all the losses and then add all the scandals because of the basketball program (hello, Delray Brooks and Mark Adams!). It is a time for a fresh start.

If we simply replace one program with another, then the university does not have to spend more money. For a football field, the university could use one of the football fields in the Valley, like the McAllen stadium. I

mean if the university is ready to rent the baseball stadium the city of Edinburg wants to build for a new minor league baseball team and the Broncs then why not rent an existing stadium? There are a few good football coaches in the Valley that could coach this team, and assistant coaches could come from the students in the kinesiology department. There is no doubt that football is king of the Valley and Texas, so stop fiddling with something that is secondary in this region. Finally, cut the smart-alec crap and have some respect for the people that write the editorials you and your staff claim to want.

— Chris Duque,
Political Science

Q&A Do you consider traveling into Mexico safe?

By Liza Longoria



Ana A. Treviño
Freshman
Communication

Yes. If you know how to present yourself as an adult, you'd be able to handle any situations that presents itself. The time of year has a lot to do with Mexico being safe or not.

Vanessa Martinez
Freshman
Health Services

No. People in Mexico drive recklessly. I don't feel safe driving there. People don't care about how they drive or almost causing an accident. Plus the cops are just interested in being paid-off than protecting the people.



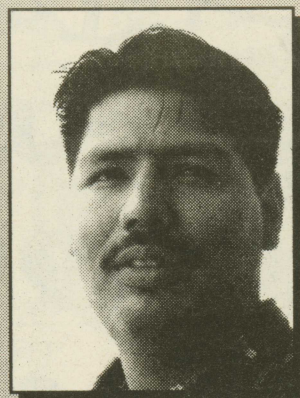
Beatrice Rodriguez
Freshman
Art Education

Yes. If you take proper precautions, Mexico can be safe. You must keep in mind that Mexico is a different country with different laws. As long as you are aware of those laws and you respect them, you should not have a problem.



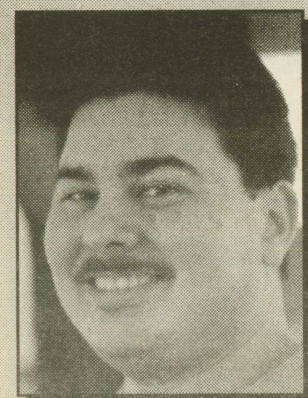
Hilario Molina
Senior
Behavioral Science

Yes. Traveling into Mexico is safe, but it also depends on your purpose for going there. If you go to Mexico to get drunk, it is not safe.



J.P. Aguilar
Senior
Music Education

Yes. I feel safe driving into Mexico, that is if I'm not driving and as long as I have money to pay off the cops in case I'm stopped. Those are my only concerns when traveling into Mexico.



Campus Briefs

Annual Career Day to be held Saturday

Yesenia Y. Gonzalez
The Pan American

The Outreach Recruitment Program is hosting the 2nd Annual UTPA Day and open house from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday.

The event will take place in different departments. It will begin at the Fine Arts Department and will continue throughout the campus until its conclusion between the Fine Arts Complex and the Fieldhouse.

"There will be presentations in each college, this way the departments can show off their buildings," said Jody Peña, director of the

Outreach Program.

The event targets prospective students as well as their parents and STCC transfers. The students will have a complete tour of the university and will hear speeches on what the university has to offer.

"While recruiting, we sell what we have to offer at the university. It is local and it has a lower enrollment cost compared to other schools," said Peña.

Anyone interested in volunteering for the event can call 381-2999 or visit room 603 of the Student Services Building.

Career Placement hiring census takers

Staff Report
The Pan American

Students looking for a part time job should consider applying for the temporary positions being offered through the Student Employment Office for Crew Leaders and Census Takers. Romy DeLeon, a recruiting assistant from the Census Bureau, will be on campus November 17 at 9:30 a.m. to take applications.

"Last year when she came there were several hundred [positions] to fill, although, not everyone makes it," said Eneledia Kidd, director of career placement services. Students must take a written multiple choice test consisting of

28 questions. A practice test can be obtained up when signing up in room 153 in the Student Services Building.

"The jobs . . . are ideal for students wanting to earn extra money while attending college, especially because of the flexible hours," said Velinda Reyes, assistant director of career placement services.

Census Takers make \$10.00/hr and Crew Leaders are offered \$11.50/hr plus \$0.31 per mile for field jobs.

So far, almost 100 students have already signed up. For more information visit the Student Employment Services or call 381-2283. You must present a validated student ID and must be currently enrolled to register.

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OCTOBER

26 CLINIC: Student Health Services is providing free and confidential HIV/AIDS testing and counseling in Emilia Hall from 9 a.m. - noon for students, faculty, staff and community. Ask for Ruben.

26 MEETING: The Advertising Club is meeting from noon - 1 p.m. in COAS 176.

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26 VOLLEYBALL: Lady Broncs vs. Texas A&M-Kingsville at 7 p.m. in the Fieldhouse.

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28 ART WORKSHOP & LECTURE: Lubbock artist and Texas Tech University instructor Juan Granados is holding a workshop in conjunction with his art exhibit, "Reflections-Reflejos" at 9 a.m. in the Art Annex Ceramics Lab. He will also give a slide lecture at 1 p.m. in the Fine Arts Complex, room 228.

28 LUNCH: The Delta Zeta Sorority invites students to join them for lunch from noon - 1 p.m. in the

cafeteria.

26 ACTIVITY: The Department of English, in conjunction with the Writers & Readers Organization, present "Life on the Hyphen: The Future of Cuban-American Literature" presented by Dr. Eduardo Del Rio from the Department of English from noon - 1 p.m. in COAS 268.

28 ACTIVITY: ROTC is holding a self-defense seminar at 2:35 p.m. in the Science Quad.

28 Workshop: The Department of English, in conjunction with the Writers & Readers Organization, is presenting a workshop for writers of poetry and fiction directed by Dr. Andrew Kaufman from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. in the Communication Arts & Sciences Building, room 168. Everyone is welcome to attend.

28 MEETING: Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) is meeting at 8:45 p.m. in the Business Administration Building, room 110.

29 CLINIC: Student Health Services is providing flu shots from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. in Emilia Hall. The cost will be \$7 for students and \$10 for faculty and staff with valid I.D.

29 ACTIVITY: The University Program Board is hosting the annual "Carnival of the Great Pumpkin" Festival from 7 - 11 p.m. in the Fieldhouse. There will be virtual reality PacMan, kiddie rides, a costume contest and music.

NOVEMBER

2 CLINIC: Student Health Services is providing flu shots from 8:30 a.m.- 11:30 a.m. in the Education Complex lobby. The cost will be \$7 for students and \$10 for faculty and staff with valid I.D.

2 MEETING: The Advertising Club is meeting from noon - 1 p.m. in COAS 176.

5-6 CONCERT: The Music Department is presenting a mariachi concert at 7 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

FOR INFORMATION

Art Department	381-2655
Athletic Department	381-2221
Folkloric Dance	381-2230
Intramural office	381-3673
Music Department	381-3471
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If your club or organization has an upcoming campus activity, *The Pan American* would like to post it in this calendar. Send it to COAS 170 by noon Thursday at least one week in advance.

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Everyone welcome--Virtual Reality Games

CDC recommends meningitis vaccinations for college-age students after MSU outbreak

Special to the Pan American

A federal advisory committee concluded last week that incoming college freshmen should be warned about bacterial meningitis and urged to consider receiving vaccinations, especially if they are moving into dormitories.

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices stopped short of calling for required vaccinations against meningococcal meningitis, a rare bacterial infection that can kill within hours. But the new recommendation is a significant change.

"Ultimately, this is going to let colleges and universities develop prevention-vaccination programs to get kids vaccinated, disrupt the panic that ensues when you have a case on campus and allow parents and students to make an informed decision," said Dr. James Turner, chairman of the vaccine-preventable disease task force for the American College Health Association.

The change came amid a recent scare at Michigan State University. Sophomore Adam Busuttil, a band member who lived in a dorm, was

diagnosed with meningococcal meningitis on Oct. 9.

His illness triggered mass vaccinations on MSU's 42,000-student campus. So far 14,000 people had received the vaccine. Had Busuttil been vaccinated, he would not have gotten sick.

Meningococcal meningitis starts like a bad case of the flu, but can quickly progress and result in death or permanent disabilities.

Until now, the American College Health Association had recommended that college students consider getting vaccinated, but the Centers for Disease Control had not.

The CDC has found that the number of meningococcal meningitis cases has risen nationwide, from about 310 in 1991 among teens and young adults to 621 in 1996.

A study released earlier this year showed that students who live on campus are six times more likely to get meningococcal meningitis than students living off campus. Crowding in dorms, student exhaustion and other factors, such as exposure to alcohol or tobacco smoke, were cited.

UTPA goes bananas



Left to Right: Sergio Ramirez and Hector Leal of the University Program Board prepare banana splits for students Thursday at the Bring Your Own Banana (BYOB).

-Nelson J. Gonzalez/The Pan American

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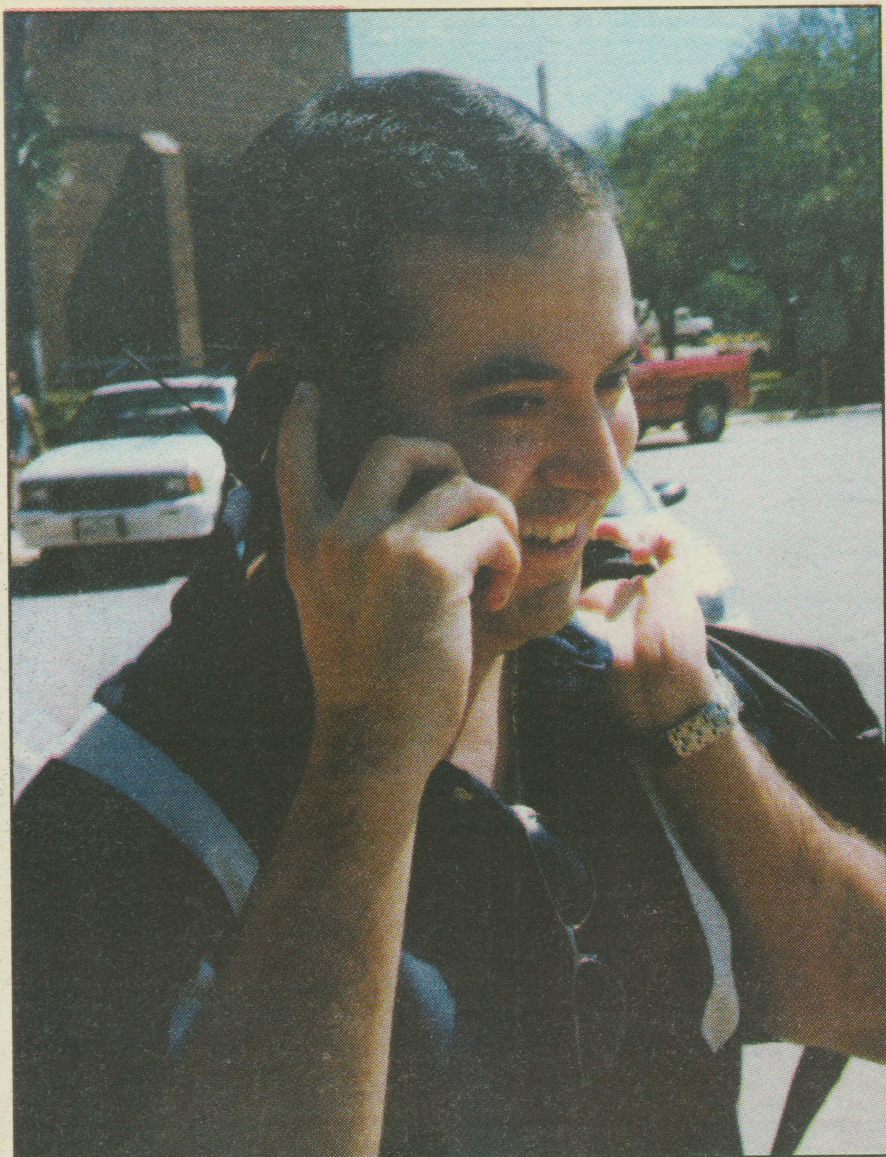
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OUTBREAK: Mobile phone



Senior David Lopez stops in front of the COAS building to make plans for the evening.

A few years ago cell phones represented power, status and money.

Today no matter the job, car or house, everyone seems to be able to afford them, even the poorest people in the country: college students.

With tuition to pay, along with the high cost of textbooks, car and insurance payments and the weekly \$20 to \$30 in gas money, many students can still afford a cell phone.

With the relatively low cost of cell phones, they seem to be much more available in students' budgets.

Many argue that mobile phones, along with beepers, have become a necessity rather than a luxury.

Students with jobs and an extensive social life say they need cell phones in order to be available to their bosses or help make plans for the weekends with their friends. They



Yvette Solis

Staff Writer
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“Letting cell phones ring in class shows professors. Students with cell phones show courtesy.”

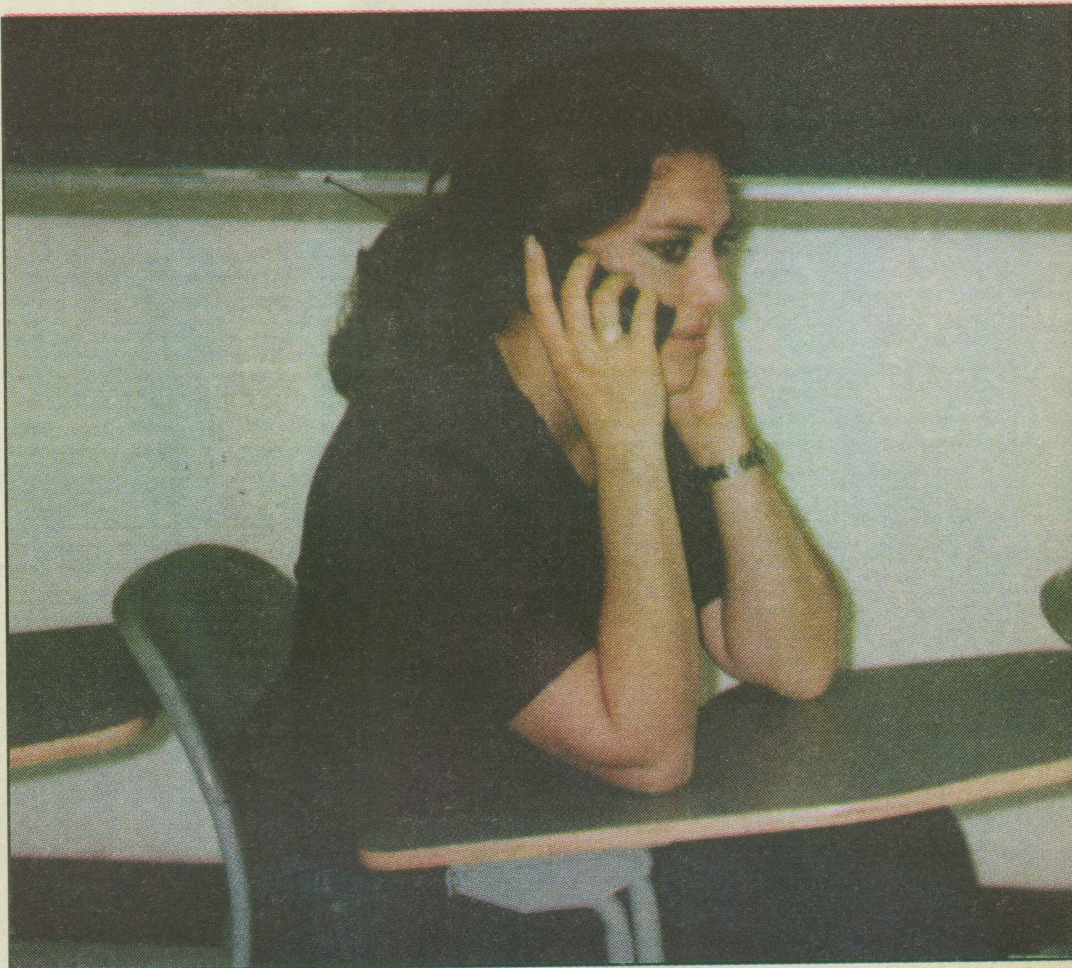
can also help in case of an emergency or to reach their parents.

Though the conveniences of a mobile phone may seem countless, many students and professors offer a different point of view.

The constant ringing of phones in class and can greatly annoy professors.

According to Assistant Professor George McLemore, mobile phones should have no place in the learning classroom environment.

“I think that students who allow cell phones to ring and have the audacity to answer in class shows a complete and utter disregard to professors and to fellow students,” said McLemore.



Left: Senella Baldwin takes time to use her mobile phone outside of

Above: Monica Garcia answers her phone in the classroom. While some see mobile phones as a necessity, others dispute the idea and say they are a distraction.

Right: Joaquin Becera and Carla Guevara walk to class as Guevara uses her mobile phone. Many students can be seen between classes making quick calls.

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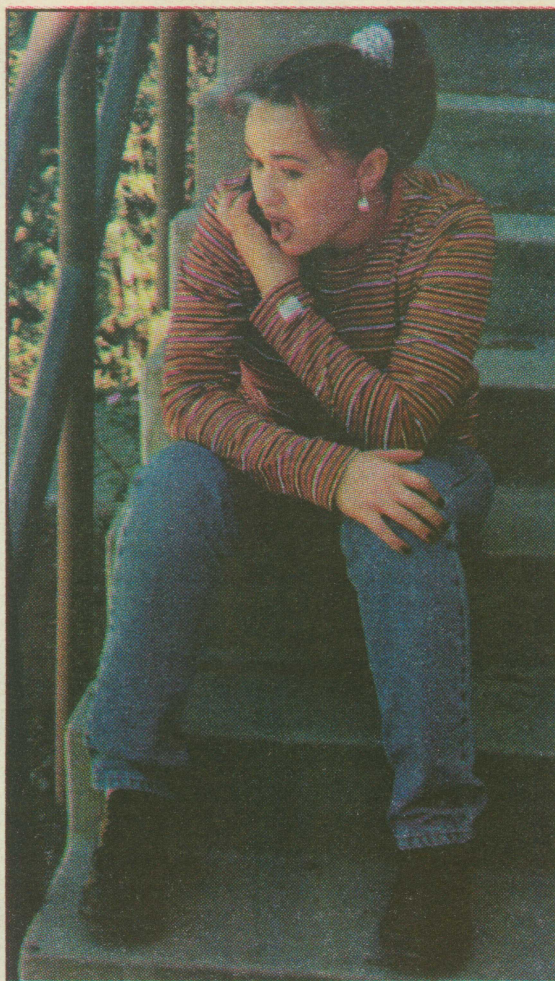
a lack of respect for students and should turn them of as common

— Clarisa De La Fuente,
UTPA student

Many students, including several mobile phone users agree with professor McLemore.

“Letting cell phones ring in class shows a lack of respect for students and professors. Students with cell phones should turn them off as common courtesy,” said Clarisa De La Fuente.

So in an age where technology is becoming more advanced and more cost effective people can communicate through many different mediums such as beepers, faxes, internet and cell phones. Soon everyone from company CEOs, college students and possibly even junior high kids will possess mobile phones.



Cynthia Alaniz chooses to make her calls on a convenient steps.

—Photos by Rachel Carpenter

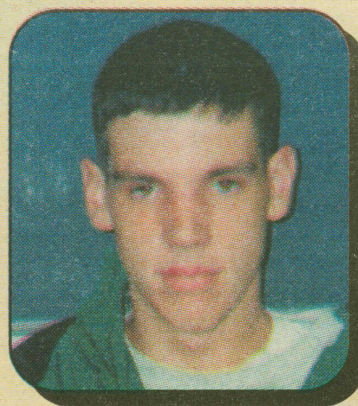


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Do you find mobile phones disruptive in class?



Matt Palmquist
Senior

Communications

It depends. For example if it is an emergency then I guess I can understand, but if its like a booty call or something then they should just wait.



Gloria Alaniz
Junior

Communication Disorders

I think they are disruptive during lectures because when it rings it disrupts the students and professors.



Jolyn Garcia
Freshman
Computer Information
Systems

I can understand if they need to answer the call because it's an emergency but otherwise they should have some consideration and walk out.



Nicole Sankovic
Freshman
Psychology

I don't think they are disruptive if they turn them off and check their messages later, but I think it's rude if they answer their calls in class.



Cynthia D. Vasquez
Junior
Communications

Yes, but only when their owners do not turn off their ringers. Respect for your fellow students and professors must be taken into consideration.

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Wait! She's online!! Now's my chance to profess my love to her once and for all! "Natasha... I have something to tell you... I..."

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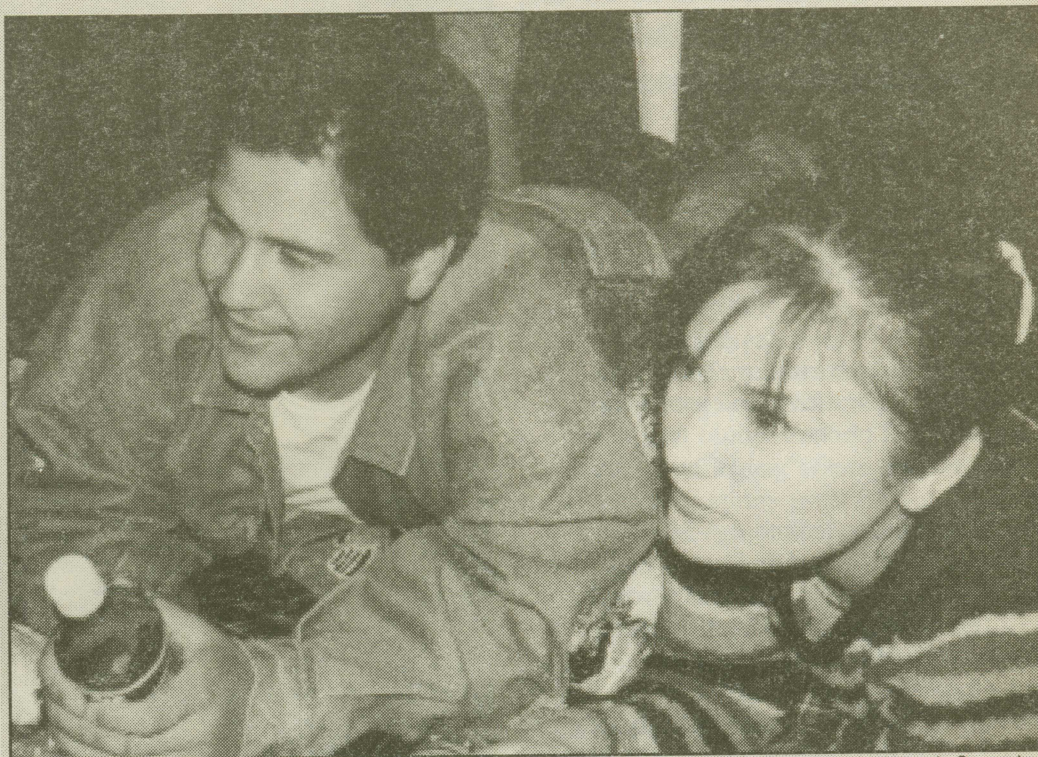
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University Program Board holds movie fright night



—Nelson J. Gonzalez

Gonzalo Flores and Viviana García take in the movies presented by the University Program Board Friday on the west wall of the library. The selected fare for the evening was *The Blair Witch Project* and *The Mummy*.

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—Nelson J. Gonzalez/The Pan American

Left to Right: Freshmen Jorge Gonzalez and Luiz Berrenechea read the warning posted on the west wing of the dorms.

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due to the asbestos found in Troxel Hall.

Most of those students, like Jorge Gonzalez, were told they were being moved because of renovation and heard of the asbestos problem through hearsay.

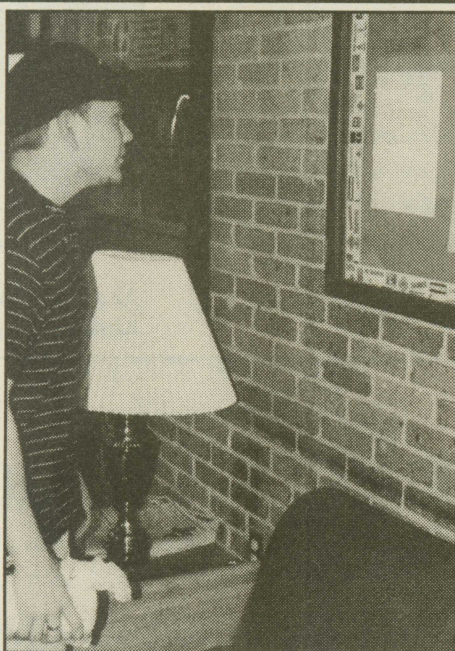
"The resident hall motto is 'Home away from home' but lying doesn't make you feel at home," said Gonzalez.

Zarate says she has not spoken directly with all students but will answer questions if asked. A bulletin was placed on the bulletin board of both men's and women's dorms informing students of the abatement.

The bulletin in the men's dorms was dated October 12, but placed on the board October 20, one day before the abatement began.

A meeting will be held by Zarate at 6 p.m. on October 25 on the third floor of the men's dorms. Zarate invites all dorm residents and hopes all questions will be answered.

"I know all the dorm students were not informed for fear of panic but they should have been. I think the meeting Monday should have been held earlier and hope it will eliminate all students concerns," said Chalum Mulukutla, student government association vice president.



—Nelson J. Gonzalez/The Pan American

Dorm resident Chuy Rodriguez reads the asbestos bulletin Friday at Troxel Hall.

"The resident hall motto is 'Home away from home' but lying doesn't make you feel at home."

— Jorge Gonzalez,
dorm resident

News Review

October 18 to October 24

From Wire Reports

MONDAY: Texas joins suit against Publishers Clearing House

AUSTIN, TX—Texas became the ninth state to file a lawsuit against the mail order company Publishers Clearing House for using deceptive sales techniques.

The suit alleges the company uses misleading statements on their envelopes to make a consumer believe they will receive cash prizes by ordering books and magazines. The other states which filed lawsuits against Publishers Clearing House include; Michigan, Missouri, Wisconsin, Florida, Arizona, Connecticut, Indiana, and Washington.

TUESDAY: Hurricane Jose threatens Caribbean Islands

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico—Hurricane Jose walloped Antigua and a string of other Caribbean Islands and threatened to deal a glancing blow to the Virgin Islands during the week. The storm brushed past Puerto Rico without inflicting much damage. However, residents stripped stores of supplies and canceled everything including flights. In Puerto Rico, still reeling from summer's severe Hurricane Georges, the National Guard went on alert, deploying dozens of forces to keep the peace.

WEDNESDAY: Dole drops out of the GOP presidential race

WASHINGTON—Elizabeth Dole, a Republican presidential candidate touted as the first credible female to run for the nation's highest office, withdrew from the race, citing a disadvantage in campaign funds compared to GOP front-runner Texas Governor George W. Bush.

"The bottom line remains money," said Dole, who came in second in many national polls for the Republican nomination. "This time, the odds are overwhelming. It would be futile to continue."

THURSDAY: IBM suffers \$ 29.9 billion stock market loss

NEW YORK—The market value of IBM stock plunged Thursday. IBM shares, totaling more than 1.86 billion outstanding, dropped \$16 to close at \$91 following a dreary earnings forecast.

The stockholders of International Business Machines Corp. may be grim for a while following the stock retreat of 15 percent, which knocked more than \$29.9 billion off the value of Big Blue, the world's largest computer maker.

FRIDAY: CDC announces college students need vaccine

WASHINGTON—The Centers for Disease Control has declared a change in its vaccination guidelines to include more vaccinations, for preventing meningitis on college campuses. After meeting with the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), CDC now encourages colleges to educate students about the potentially fatal bacterial meningitis and supply students with the polysaccharide meningococcal vaccine. ACIP cited two different 1998 CDC studies that identified the higher risk of infection among college first-year students in residence halls.

WEEKEND: Rhode Island Sen. John Chafee dies

WASHINGTON—Sen. John H. Chafee, a war hero, governor, Navy secretary and leader of the Republican Party's moderate wing during his 23 years in the Senate, dies suddenly at Bethesda Naval Hospital Sunday night. Chafee, who celebrated his 77th birthday last Friday, died of congestive heart failure. Many of Chafee's efforts to moderate his party's hard-line conservative positions on social issues were frustrated. He undertook an unsuccessful effort to find compromise between the two parties on overhauling the national health system in 1994.

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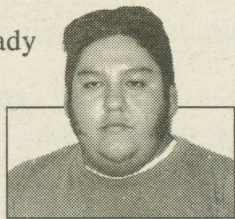
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Past and present players compete in Alumni game

The UTPA Volleyball team defeated the UTPA Volleyball Alumni 15-9, 15-8, 15-8 Saturday night at the Second Annual Alumni Game.

Sixteen ex-Lady Broncs made their return to the Fieldhouse to play the Lady Broncs.



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Staff Writer
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"We plan on having another alumni game next year and getting the players who couldn't make it this year to come in next year and play," said Alumni head coach Christine Phillips.

The match also marked the second and last time senior Cita Jimenez will face off against her mother Cita Garza Jimenez who finished the night with five digs.

"It was nice playing against my mom again. Just seeing them (alumni) and playing against them was exciting. Especially being my last year. I hadn't thought about it, but I'm looking forward to playing alongside my mother in

next year's game," said Jimenez.

The elder Jimenez explained how special this game was for her.

"This game was special because in a way it will be her last time as a player. She has about two home dates left and that will probably be the end of her playing career, but hopefully she'll still be participating as a coach," said the elder Jimenez.

Also participating in her last alumni game as a Lady Bronc was senior outside hitter Belinda Lara. Rebecca Boykin, also a senior, was sidelined this year and didn't play due to an ACL injury.

Former Lady Broncs look forward to this match every year and make the trip to South Texas from all over the state.

"We definitely look forward to this match. It gives us a chance to see some of our old teammates again," said Phillips.

Christine Alvarez who played for the Lady Broncs from 1995-1996 made the trip from Dallas. She led the defense for the Alumni with 10 digs. Kealani

Kukahiko who now resides in San Antonio had six kills to lead the Alumni squad. Kukahiko played for the Lady Broncs in 1994.

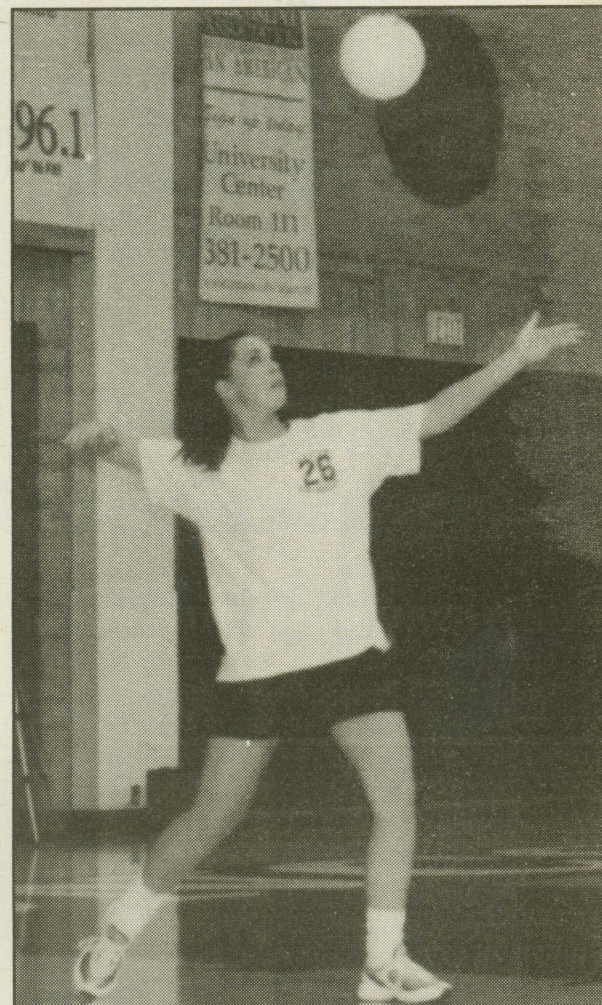
Also making the long trip were Nikol Taylor from Abilene and Kristie Miksch from Kerville. Taylor played from 1994-1995 and Milksch in 1997.

Also getting some playing time were student assistant Erica Gutierrez, Ida Cabrera, Julie Redden, Tencha Lancaster, Mary Cruz, Marie Velasquez and Lisa Cox.

Phillips who now serves as assistant head coach for the Lady Broncs decided to serve as the Alumni head coach and well not play due to a shoulder injury.

Dr. Mary Lee Rabke served as honorary head coach of the Alumni. Rabke was the first ever volleyball head coach in school history.

Billie Forrester and Rosie Trevino-Ramos led the Lady Bronc attack with 11 kills apiece. Trevino-Ramos also recorded a game high of five blocks.



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Alumnus Nikol Taylor returned to UTPA from Abilene to play in the Alumni game.

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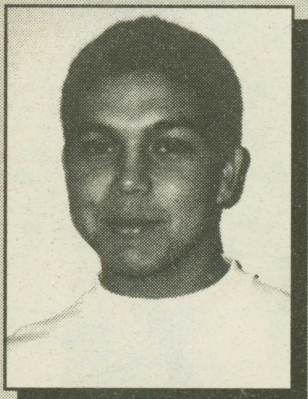
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Q & A

What is your opinion on the televising of UTPA's men's basketball team on FOX-17?

By Mireya Villarreal

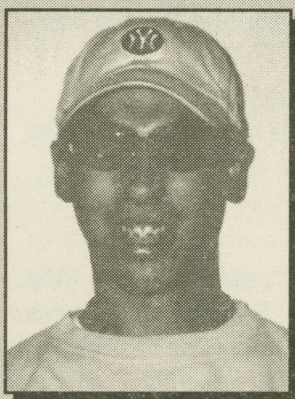


Jesse Martinez
Freshman
Undecided

It really doesn't matter to me. I definitely wouldn't watch the game even if it was on T.V. I have better things to do with my time at night

Rudy Sandoval
Freshman
Computer Science

It sounds like an OK idea. But aren't there better ways to spend UTPA's money?



Annette Gonzalez
Sophomore
Occupational Therapy

I would probably watch the games. This really gives a sense of enthusiasm to the players. I mean, television is a pretty big thing, it should make us look good.



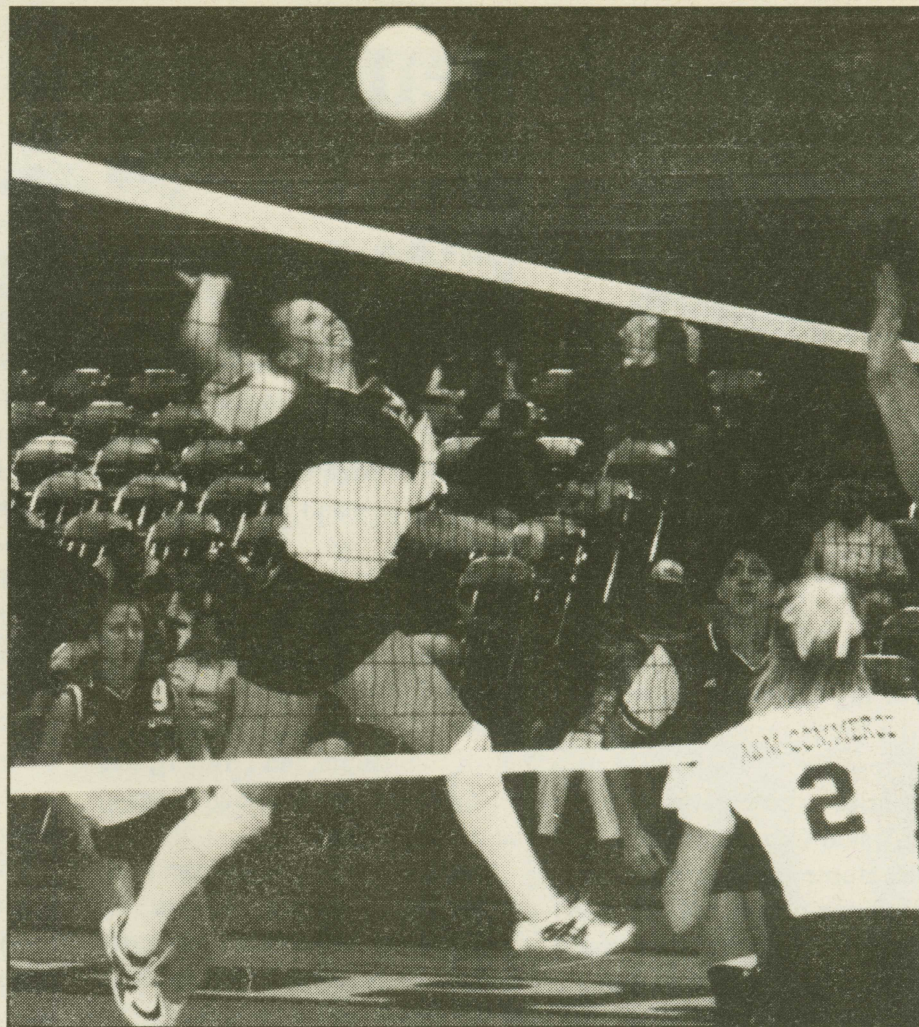
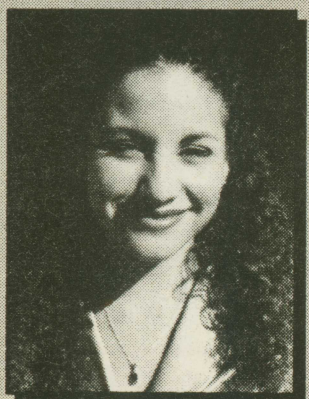
Julie Chambers
Senior
Finance

I wouldn't watch this stuff. Why would I want to watch a team that is always losing? I mean, who would?



Nielsa Guajardo
Sophomore
International Business
Administration

It's a good idea. It would possibly bring more support from the community. And more support means hopefully more confidence for the players.



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Billie Forrester had 16 kills in UTPA's match against Texas A&M Commerce Lions on Friday at the UTPA Fieldhouse.

Winning streak ends for Lady Broncs

Friday marked the end of the Lady Broncs four-match winning streak.

The loss against the Texas A&M Commerce Lions gives UTPA an 8-12 record.

There is little time for the team to recover with a long road stretch up ahead, which will feature five matches.

Statistically, the Lady Broncs led in kills and assist, but errors caused problems for the team.

"We might make mental changes," said Head Coach Dave Thorn.

The Lady Broncs were tied up with the Lions 5-5 early in the first set. Texas A&M took control of the set and won 15-10.

UTPA could not shake off the Lions in the second set, as the team went to a 4-4 tie early. The Lady Broncs offense slowed down, when the Lions took a 6-11 lead, ultimately winning the set. The lions used their height advantage and took the lead to 8-13. But UTPA played aggressively to a 13-14 set,

until the Lions halted the comeback 13-15.

UTPA came back strong, dominating the third set and winning 15-8. The fourth set was taken by the Lions, 11-15. The Lady Broncs made mistakes, which caused them to fall behind 1-5. They were able to make a comeback at 11-12, but couldn't finish the set strong.

In the final set, Texas A&M took the lead and didn't look back, winning the set 11-15.

The game also marked the fifth start for Lorena Lopez in the setter position.

"We needed a change to pick up the offense," said coach Thorn.

In her last five matches, Lopez has lead the team in assists by large margins. Against Texas A&M, Lopez had 51 assists in addition to nine digs.

Coach Thorn stated that he will keep Lopez in the starting position as long as the change works and provides the team with the offense it needs.

Up next for the Lady Broncs is a match against Texas A&M Kingsville on October 26.



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Four freshmen recruits hope to improve team

Every year the UTPA athletic department scouts the country for new talent. Each coach roams from city to city searching for a player that will increase UTPA's standing within their particular sport.

Coach John Garcia recruited four incoming freshmen to play NCAA Division I golf for the 1999-2000 season.

"All of my freshmen players showed a lot of promise, that's why I chose them. They all have the potential to be great college players," said Coach Garcia.

Jordan Bunte is the first of the new freshmen players. Bunte was recruited from Houston. His goals for the season include improving his game this season and hopefully winning a tournament. Bunte claims that the low rankings and poor showings for his team can be

attributed to inexperience and nervousness of playing college golf.

Todd Grubert followed in his brother's footsteps by deciding to play for UTPA. Grubert's main goal is to win a tournament as a freshmen. In order to improve this season, Grubert commented that the team needed more experience, more practice and more time for themselves.

The oldest of the freshmen is 20 year old Santiago Fernandez. Fernandez was red shirted last year and is still considered an incoming freshmen. Fernandez, much like Bunte and Grubert, has set his sights on winning a tournament this year.

Ramiro Garcia, Jr. was the last of the four freshmen. He was recruited from the small town of Zapata. Garcia was more realistic in his goals for the season.

"I don't think that I'm that good to win a tournament my first year playing college golf. I hope to

start placing in the top ten very soon. After that, I'll work my way up the ladder," said Garcia.

Garcia also stated that he feels the team is in a "slump" because the playing any college sport and keeping up with class work takes a lot out on an athlete.

"I don't want to make excuses for the team; however, adjustment to this kind of life is not easy. We do need more practice. We also need some luck," said Coach Garcia.

This Monday and Tuesday the team will be playing in New Orleans, Louisiana. They will return Wednesday. Thursday, the teams packs up and travels to Daytona Beach, Florida.

The four freshmen have yet to show any reasoning behind their recruitment. Each of the players have yet to break the top ten in any of the tournaments.

Although the team has not been able to rank within the top ten, the team is still hopeful.



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Jordan Bunte, one of four freshmen on the team, swings during practice last week.



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